

# Bedford, NH

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## Election Districts

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Capital Regional Development Council

District 1  
District 4  
District 9  
Hillsborough County District 18

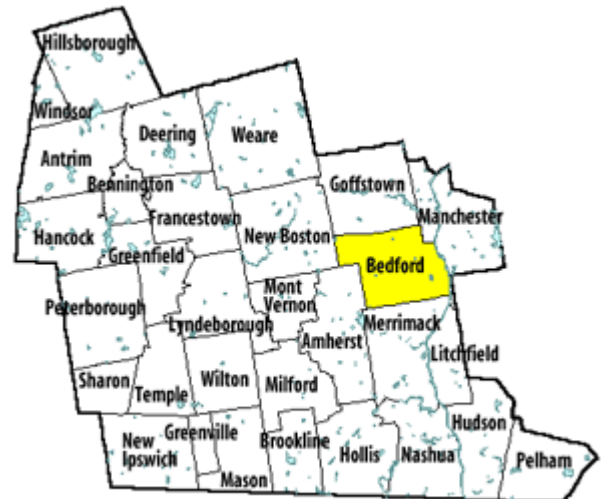
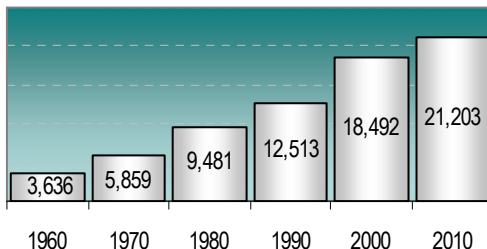
**Incorporated:** 1750

**Origin:** Bedford was established in 1730 as Narragansett Number 5 for the benefit of soldiers who fought against the Narragansett Indians in Rhode Island. Twenty years later little had been done to the land, and it was regranted first as Souhegan East, then as Bedford in 1750. The town was named for Lord John Russell, fourth Duke of Bedford, a close friend of Governor Benning Wentworth, whose first wife, Diana Spencer, was cousin to the Duke of Marlborough. The town's first moderator was Major John Goffe, son of Colonel John Goffe for whom Goffstown was named.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 898 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Bedford ranked eighth in numeric change over 50 years. Population change totaled 17,567, from 3,636 in 1960 to 21,203 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was 62 percent between 1970 and 1980. The 2010 Census estimate for Bedford was 21,203 residents, which ranked 12th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 645.9 persons per square mile of land area. Bedford contains 32.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Manager &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	<b>\$23,784,914</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2011	<b>\$59,854,078</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1953/11</b>
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Town Council; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District; Recreation; Budget; Housing Auth.</b>

Public Library **Bedford Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Municipal</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Elliot Hospital, Manchester</b>	<b>6 miles</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Catholic Medical Center, Manchester</b>	<b>4 miles</b>	<b>233</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>National Grid</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Manchester Water Works; Pennichuck Water Works</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.62</b>
2010 Equalization Ratio	<b>103.5</b>
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.23</b>

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>81.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>17.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.1%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	<b>7,477</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>6,718</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>44</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>686</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>29</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	<b>21,203</b>	<b>400,721</b>
2000	<b>18,492</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>12,513</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>9,481</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>5,859</b>	<b>223,941</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>10,126</b>	Female <b>10,673</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>1,154</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>4,881</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>2,043</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>7,189</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,844</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>2,688</b>
Median Age	<b>42.7 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>58.0%</b>

**INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	<b>\$50,952</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$127,589</b>
Median household income	<b>\$116,299</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$99,366</b>
Female	<b>\$53,286</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>2.7%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	<b>9,795</b>	<b>11,362</b>
Employed	<b>9,578</b>	<b>10,852</b>
Unemployed	<b>217</b>	<b>510</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,891</b>	<b>1,077</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$802</b>	<b>\$1,208</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>10,679</b>	<b>11,633</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$809</b>	<b>\$971</b>

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>12,570</b>	<b>12,710</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$808</b>	<b>\$991</b>

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>657</b>	<b>1,110</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$640</b>	<b>\$826</b>

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>13,227</b>	<b>13,820</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$978</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Bedford operates grades K-12**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology**

District: **SAU 25**  
 Region: **15**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K 1-8</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>1637</b>	<b>1515</b>	<b>1276</b>	<b>42</b>

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **15** Total Capacity: **1,009**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Southern NH University; Hesser; UNH-Manchester**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Bedford School District	Education	695	
Kelly Services	Temporary employment agency	200	
Macy's	Department store	199	
Wal-Mart	Retail store	197	
Target	Department store	150	
Lowe's	Home improvement center	148	
Harvey Construction	Construction	80	
Graham Packaging	Research & manufacturing of plastic bottles	50	

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>101, 114</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-293, Exit 3</b>	
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>MTA</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Runway	<b>9,250 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>7 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>5 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>101 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>55 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>253 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>263 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>86.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.7%</b>
Other means	<b>1.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.0 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>23.6%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>64.3%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>12.1%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>McIntyre, Pat's Peak</b>
	Other: